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1. [] ship anchored in the fog outside the port of Constanta for three hours on the morning of 28 November 1954. The pilot boarded with a guard and the ship went alongside wharf No. 4 in the port. 25X1
2. Approximately 10 officials and civilians, consisting of doctors, customs controllers and guards, boarded the ship at the inner harbor. Each of the ship's personnel was compared with his seaman identification card. The doctor examined those of whom they were suspicious. The radio was sealed, the amount of money was determined, and the ship's hold and cabins were thoroughly searched. After the ship moored alongside the wharf, lists were prepared giving ship's personnel permission to go ashore in two sections. However, no one left the ship for three days. 25X1
3. [] a training ship flying the Rumanian national emblem alongside pier No. 2 (New Jetty), and beyond it the yacht LUCEAFARUL, a three-funneled torpedo boat similar to the MARSTI,¹ and three other naval vessels lying anchored behind the east breakwater quay No. 1. The names and types of the latter vessels could not be distinguished. 25X1
4. A Soviet naval fleet of two cruisers and four destroyers anchored offshore on the evening of 2 December 1954. The silhouettes of the two cruisers were as shown in the attached sketch. The cruiser (No. 1 in sketch) had two stacks slanted slightly aft; the stack forward had less slant than the other. The two stacks on the other cruiser (No. 2 in sketch) were vertical. Each ship had masts forward of each stack. No radar antenna was visible on the masts. Each cruiser had two gun turrets forward and two aft. [] 25X1
5. The area at the southern corner of pier No. 6 (North Pier) was being dredged. On quay No. 4 (North Quay) six new cranes were being installed in front of the bonded warehouses. The installation, in concrete blocks,

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of electric conveyors of cranes was nearing completion. The work of the laborers in loading and unloading ships was slack and slow. During the last three days [redacted] ship was in port, they loaded 94 tons of cargo with much difficulty. [redacted] ship loaded soda, glass and timber.

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6. Shoes and clothing are expensive. A pair of shoes cost the equivalent of a worker's monthly salary. Articles made of silk or nylon are extremely expensive. The clothing worn by the people is of average condition. Sugar and sugared substances practically do not exist. There is little bread and the quality is poor. Even the rich families eat their foods with dry bread and pickles.

7. [redacted] Soviet ships anchored outside the port within the mined area

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[redacted] There were no buoys or lighthouses marking this mine field. [redacted] this area was free of mines.

8. [redacted]
- a. The Soviets are concentrating troops along the Rumanian-Bulgarian border and that this concentrating of troops appears as if it is aimed at the Bulgarians.
- b. A seaplane base is established on Lake Siut Ghiol at Mamaia Beach.
- c. A working plant at Flaraja (sic), where 50,000 laborers worked, was sabotaged. Although the exact date of the incident is not known it occurred recently.
- d. The Soviet forces in Constanta are: an infantry division, an artillery division; and in addition to these, it was learned that there is as much of a motorized force as there is in a brigade. The military headquarters of the Soviets is in Makalit.²
- e. Controlling one another has become a custom and a duty among the people, because those who act against the regime are subjected to banishment or extermination. Banishment is not applied only to the individual but to the whole family.

1. [redacted] Comment: The MARSTI was a class of Turkish motor torpedo boats also referred to as Seagull Class. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment: Possibly Maglavitu which is near the Rumanian-Bulgarian border at Calafat.

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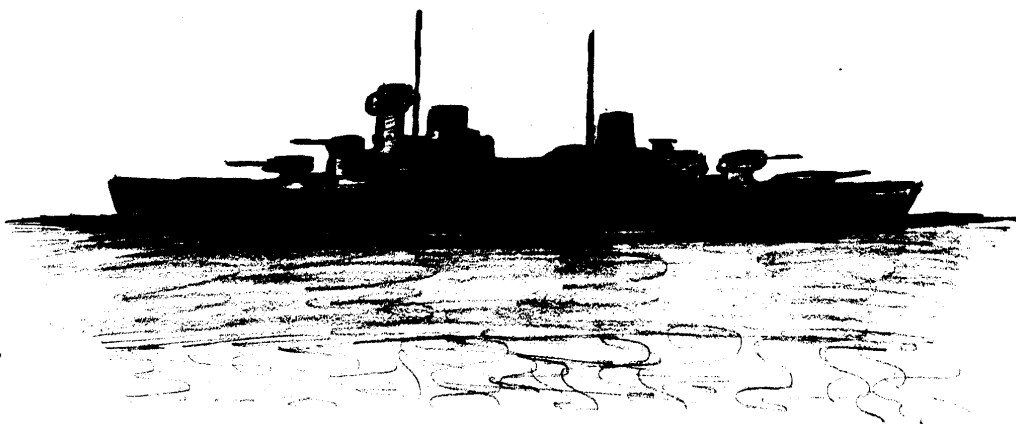
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